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AT the Court at St. *James's*, the Fourteenth of April, 1740.

PRESENT,
The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

Upon reading this Day at the Board, a Repreſentation from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, propoſing that the preſent Embargo ſhould be taken off: His Majeſty taking the ſame into Conſideration, was pleaſed, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order that the Embargo ſhould accordingly be taken off from all Merchant Ships and Veſſels whatſoever in the Ports of Great Britain and Ireland outward bound; and that the neceſſary Orders ſhould be iſſued for that Purpoſe.

Rome, March 26. On the 19th returned hither from Portugal the Courier that was diſpatch'd thither on Account of the Death of the late Pope; and amongſt other Diſpatches brought one from the Nuncio at that Court, acquainting the Chiefs of the Orders, that none of the Portugueſe Cardinals deſign to attend the Conclave. It is reported, that Cardinal Coſcia, at the End of the Conclave, is to aſſume the Character of Ambaſſadour from the King of Naples to this Court. On the 22d arrived here from Florence M. Franchini, Miniſter from the Great Duke to the Conclave. On the 23d the Prince of Santa Croce, Ambaſſadour Extraordinary from the Emperor to the Conclave, preſented, in a publick Manner, his Letters Credential to the Chiefs of the Orders, to whom he made a Speech concerning the Election of a new Pope.

Leghorn, March 30. On the 29th anchored in this Port his Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Kennington, Captain Robinſon Commander, with four Merchant Ships from Great Britain under his Convoy: The ſame Evening a Spaniſh Privateer ſailed out of the Port, and ſoon after was followed by the Man of War; but we are not yet inform'd whether ſhe has been able to overtake the Privateer.

Florence, April 3. On the 1ſt Inſtant the Prince d'Elboeuf, in Conſequence of the Great Duke's Orders, was inveſted with the Order of St. Stefano, by Sig. Ricci, Preſident of that Order. This Function was performed by M. Suarez, Biſhop of St. Miniato, in the Chapel of the Villa Limbrogiana, where many Knights of the Order were invited to attend. The Prince d'Elboeuf, 'tis ſaid, propoſes to ſet out ſpeedily on a Journey to France. The Prince de Craon has fix'd his Departure from hence for Rome to the 6th Inſtant, there to be inveſted with the Order of the Golden Fleece, lately conferr'd on him by the Emperor. The Council of Finances has of late made a Contract to lett, for Nine Years, to commence from the 1ſt of April 1740, moſt of the Farms of the Medici Family in this State, with an Augmentation to the Great Duke above what they hitherto have produced.

General Poſt Office, March 14, 1739.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy, who was carrying the Worceſter Mail from London to Southall, was ſet upon this Morning about Four of the Clock, between Audley-ſtreet End and Tyburn Turnpike, by Two Footpads, one of which was a luſty Man, in a white Cape Coat, who preſented a Piſtol to the ſaid Boy, and demanding the Oxford Bag, led him into a Field againſt Audley-ſtreet End, opened the Mail, and took thereout the Worceſter and Oxford Bags; the Worceſter Bag containing the Ludlow, Tenbury, and Bromyard Letters; the Oxford Bag containing the Burford, Whitney, and Woodſtock Letters.

The Poſtmaſter General thinks proper to advertiſe the Publick, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, both or either of the Perſons who committed the ſaid Robbery, will be intituled to a Reward of 200 l. beſides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen. Or if any Perſon, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery whereby the Perſons, or either of them who committed the ſame, may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party or Parties, be intituled to the ſame Reward, and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General.

J. D. Barbutt, *Secretary.*

General Poſt-Office, April 2, 1740.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy carrying the Briſtol Mail from London to Hounſlow, was attacked and ſet upon between Three and Four a Clock this Morning, a little beyond Knightsbridge, by a ſingle Perſon on Foot, of a dark Complexion, and a middle Stature, having on a light-colour'd Horſeman's Coat with the Cape button'd up, who led him into an adjacent Field, and there took from him the Bath and Briſtol Bags, put them into a Green Bag, and rode off with them towards London on the Horſe that carried the ſaid Mail.

The Poſtmaſter General thinks proper to advertiſe the Publick, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be intituled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, beſides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Perſon, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make a Diſcovery whereby the Perſon who committed the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intituled to the ſame Reward, and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General.

J. D. Barbutt, *Secretary.*

General Poſt Office, London, April 4, 1740.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy carrying the Weſtern and Portſmouth Mails from Bagſhott to London, was ſet upon and attacked, about One of the Clock this Morning, in the hollow Way coming from Bagſhott, by two Highwaymen, who appeared to be luſty jolly Men, in Great Coats, of a whitiſh Colour, with the Capes buttoned up, and light colour'd Wiggs, one of them mounted on a black Horſe with a white Snip down his Face, and the other either on a dark Cheſnut, or a brown Bay, and who ſtopping the ſaid Boy, ordered him to diſmount, and threatned to ſhoot him, if he made the leaſt Noiſe or Reſiſtance, then tied